Nielson elected president

Dr. Vigo H. Nielsen, Optometrist, has been elected president of the Shenandoah Valley Optometric Society.

Dr. Nielsen has offices on Main Street, Appomattox and on Cook Street in Brookneal.

Bruce B. Keeney, Executive Director of the Virginia Optometric Association had this to say. "We congratulate you on your election to this office. Your leadership capabilities have been suitably recognized by your optometric colleagues. We are confident you will lead your society well in the upcoming year. Your dedication to your profession and to the visual welfare of the public is exemplary."

Historical pageant slated

The highlight of the 200th Anniversary of Campbell County will be a historical pageant to be presented on September 25, 26 and 27 at Rustburg High School in Rustburg.

Dr. Thomas W. Stephens, head of the Department of Theater, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, wrote the pageant under a grant awarded the Campbell County Bicentennial Commission by the Virginia Foundation for Humanities and Public Policy. Dr. Stephens, a speech and drama graduate of Catholic University with a Ph. D. in theater from the University of Denver, has written some 10 dramas, three of which were produced at Randolph-Macon Woman's College. "A Memory for Saturday" was also produced in Washington, D. C. in 1980 and in California in 1981. Among other plays written by Dr. Stephens are "Dry Bones Can Harm no One" (1974), "A Blackbird or Two" (1972) and "The Slight Eclipse of Arthur Love" (1971).

Dr. Stephens did extensive research of Campbell County history and after months of 'pick and cull' completed the 90 minute pageant. The play moves with a great deal of freedom and the scenes, beginning in the 1730's, vary in length. The Narrator, played by Keith Stevens of Altavista, unifies the pageant as scenes flow one into another. He relates the history of Campbell County for 200 years as approximately 100 persons, including descendents of Campbell County settlers, interpret the formation and heritage of the county.

Vepco begins special service for deaf persons

Virginia Electric and Power Company has begun a telecommunications service for its hearing and speech impaired customers in Virginia that will enable them to communicate with Vepco representatives using teletype machines connected by telephones.

The Pioneers, a volunteer group of Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. (C & P) employees, have provided Vepco with a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) that sends and receives typed messages to and from another TDD over standard telephone lines.

The C&P Pioneers obtain used TDDs and refurbish and distribute them to selected businesses, emergency services and hearing and speech impaired persons. These devices also may be purchased from retailers.

Vepco's TDD makes it possible for deaf and speech impaired customers who have access to a TDD to communicate with Vepco and take advantage of all Vepco service available by telephone. Trained Vepco personnel will use the TDD to answer questions about bills and service, arrange changes in service or billing and provide information about Vepco programs.

Vepco's TDD is located in its Corporate Headquarters in Richmond. Hearing and speech impaired Vepco customers can call the TDD during regular business hours by dialing 1-800-552-4015, a toll-free number.

MRS. BEVERLY BASS DAVIS and Mr. Horace Coleman prepare slide show for members of Pamplin AARP.

AARP meets

Members of Pamplin's chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons were fortunate to have Mrs. Beverly Bass Davis attend their most recent meeting Sept. 15.

Mrs. Davis showed slides and explained the various programs that are in progress at the Piedmont Geriatrics Hospital.

Mrs. Davis' lecture was "most interesting, and the group hopes to have her return soon," according to Pamplin AARP spokesman Jim Collins.

Marston gets nod

Wyatt Durrette, republican nominee for Attorney General, has announced the appointment of Janice M. Marston as his unit chairman for Appomattox. Janice, the wife of Kenneth L. Marston and mother of two children, ages 13 and 9, said of the appointment, "It is so easy to take a backseat and complain and criticize what is going on and those who direct our government, whether on a local, state or national level. My reason for getting into politics is that I wanted to have an active role in the issues that affect me and my family. By being involved in a local party I am having a voice in what is going on."

In answer to the question of why she is supportive of Durrette, she responded by saying that Durrette reflects her own conservative philosophy and that Durrette has taken a much needed firm stand against the early release of hard criminals and that he speaks out for fairness and justice in the courts of Virginia. "And," she added, "I've met with him several times and heard him speak. I know he is a sincere and caring man that will serve Virginia and Virginians well."

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In the months and weeks preceding election day, overzealous campaign workers often attach posters and stickers to stop signs, route markers, direction signs, and highway sign posts. Not only is it against the law to do that, but it is illegal to attach stickers or posters to any post, wall, tree, building, or other object within the state highway right-of-way limits.

The Code of Virginia (Section 33.1-373) makes it a misdemeanor to do so.

In addition to the possible safety hazards from blocking out part of the sign's message, cleaning off the signs and picking up the posters generally has to be done not by campaign workers but by state road crews.

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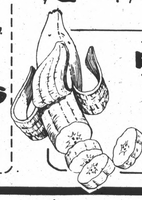

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